

Kasson Master Plan comment

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Kasson Township Planning Commission –

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Master Plan for Kasson Township. In addition to my earlier comments, I want to commend the Commission for including the policy of endeavoring to maintain dark sky conditions.

As the draft states, “Clean air shall include freedom from light pollution.” The master plan could go beyond endeavoring to maintain existing dark sky conditions; the plan could encourage voluntary reduction of unnecessary and wasted light spilling up into the sky.

I ask you to consider expanding support for a natural nighttime environment for public enjoyment, wildlife protection (especially migrating birds), and for professional and amateur astronomy. It isn’t difficult to update outdoor lighting to limit uplighting or to add effective shielding, and people are often happy to do so once they appreciate the benefits of doing so.

Thank you for your public service. I look forward to seeing the new plan once it is finished.

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